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Legion joins protest against smoking ban

JERRY GROZELLE

Staff Reporter

Municipal by-laws banning smoking in certain areas may have been a precursor to the province's proposed total ban of smoking in public areas.

Protests were launched, especially at branches of the Royal Canadian Legion, when local governments announced their own bans on smoking, but the protesters will have to ratchet it up a few notches if they hope to make the provincial Ministry of Health listen.

The province's smoking ban is supposed to be in place in 2006 and would include all private clubs, including the Legion.

Legions won't be the only ones affected. A few local restaurants and bars still allow smoking in designated areas.

It may be surprising, but even some non-smokers are sticking up for the smokers.

Jean Fletcher is the president of Haliburton Legion Branch 129 and a reformed smoker. In many cases reformed smokers are adamantly opposed to smoking, but Fletcher looks at the situation from a different perspective.

"I'm very much against the ban," she said. "Legion members should have all the time in the world to have a drink and a smoke if they like."

She pointed out that most vet-

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DARREN LUM/Echo

Remembering the fallen

Stuart Baker Elementary School student Meaghan Jones holds her poppy while listening to the school's librarian tell a story at the the annual Remembrance Day ceremony. The entire school held a moment of silence for the many men and women who have made sacrifices for Canada's freedom. There are more Remembrance Day photos throughout this week's *Echo*.

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news and events worth noting

As everyone is aware, the Rails End Gallery is undergoing a lot of changes. The new foundation for the Haliburton gallery is being built and it's hoped the building will soon be lowered from its lofty height above Head Lake Park. The gallery is hosting a members' meeting on Wednesday, November 17 at 7 p.m. at its temporary office space in the lower level of the Village Barn. Audited statements will be presented and plans for the future will be explored. New members are always welcome. For more information call 457-2330.

The first annual Trillium Lakelands Arts Camp, available to qualifying students in Grades 7-12, will run from June 14 to 19, 2005. It offers specialized instruction for all the arts disciplines within an exciting camp experience. All schools have information packages to help you better understand our programs. A parent information session will be held on Wednesday, November 17 at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School at 7 p.m.

Here are some of the upcoming performances at Lindsay's Academy Theatre: Stuart McLean's *Vinyl Café* on November 25, *Forever Plaid* musical on November 26, *The Nutcracker* ballet on December 1, the Lemmon Sisters' harmonies on December 2, Carroll Baker on December 4, Don Messer Jubilee Christmas on December 8, singer George Fox on December 11, Bates in Toyland family entertainment on December 16, 17 and 18, Colin James on January 14 and Tommy Hunter on February 5. Call the box office at 1-877-888-0038 or visit www.academytheatre.ca for details



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Never forget:

The Haliburton Museum's Director Tom Ballantyne stands in front of a display dedicated to the men and women who served in past wars. The museum is hosting A Tribute to Haliburton's Military Service Personnel. It includes photos, letters, articles and newspaper articles donated by local residents and The Royal Canadian Legion. It runs through November and is open Tuesday - Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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Designer Shane Dibblee and the programmer Krista Patterson, in back, work in concert towards solving a problem in a robotics program at J. Douglas Hodgson

Elementary School. Funding came from the Program Enhancement Fund. Teachers and staff have come up with several innovative ideas as a result of the new fund.

New fund, new ideas for students

Teachers find innovative ways to spend Program Enhancement Fund

SHERYL LOUCKS

Staff Reporter

Robotics, French reading tutors, drama and a hospitality course are all inventive ideas by local school staff to help children get that extra boost in education.

Ever since school board funding shifted from the local tax base to provincial coffers, local school boards and schools have had a lot of difficulty in being able to choose how to spend money. The provincial payout to school boards usually comes with tight strings that control exactly how the money is to be spent.

Three years ago, trustees on the Trillium Lakelands District School Board decided that staff have amazing ideas for injecting exciting and educational projects into schools and that they should be given an opportunity to do some of these projects. A pot of money called the Program Enhancement Fund was cobbled together out of bits of available cash to give staff that opportunity. Board members commented last year that they were thrilled with the variety of proposals teachers and administrators brought forward and with how economical these projects were.

Trillium Lakelands recently approved an increase in this special fund to \$165,000 from \$140,000. David Hill, TLDSB director, says the goal is for pro-

grams to have system-wide impact and sustainability. Once again, he says, the trustees were amazed at the enthusiasm of the staff, who came up with a huge range of proposals.

The trustees received requests for money totalling more than \$400,000. The list was whittled down to 28 and a total cost of \$165,000. The funding will enable new projects to happen in 25 of the board's schools, including four in Haliburton, with ripple effects spreading to other schools.

One of the examples is a \$3,500 grant going to Stuart Baker Elementary School for a volunteer English/French reading program. Principal Micheline Roy is very excited about the grant.

"This is a celebration for us. We didn't know whether or not we would qualify. We're absolutely thrilled about it. Janice Benoit and Allison Perecko have taken a lot of time on this," says Roy.

The program involves volunteers coming to the school to read with children to help improve their comprehension and reading skills. The school started with an English volunteer reading program and is now expanding it to include French Immersion. Last year, the number of volunteers in the English program doubled.

Roy says they need the funding in order to be able to buy books, particularly French resources, and to be able to provide incentives such as a thank-you celebration for their volunteers. She says they are working on creative ways to get French reading volunteers.

"It is a positive interaction based on mutual respect (between volunteer and

student). The French program is a challenge but not unachievable," says Roy.

She says one of the conditions of the grant is that she train other principals to run a similar program in their schools.

Many of the grant proposals that received funding did so because of the way they provided an opportunity for students to interact with members of the community. The Haliburton Community Learning Centre received a \$1,400 grant for its hospitality and tourism course.

The program focuses on food services and students leave the course with a national sanitation certification and Smart Serve, two critical pieces of paper to work in the hospitality sector. Each week the students plan a meal, prepare it and serve it at the centre to invited guests. Laura Willis, program co-ordinator, says the guests tend to be people who have contributed to the school in some way.

She explained that the grant will be used for the cost of food and, if there is enough left over, a luncheon for the students at one of the local dining establishments. Willis says the students will be doing job shadowing as part of the course as well.

"We focus on providing our students with marketable skills and the food service industry is a large one. We are preparing our students to be able to work when they graduate," says Willis.

Other local successful proposals were a robotics program at JD Hodgson Elementary School and a pilot hospitality and tourism course at the high school.

Talk to your teens: Drug Action Group

Talk isn't cheap if it means informing young people about the dangers of drugs and alcohol.

That's what the Haliburton Highlands Community Action Group on Alcohol and Drugs is encouraging parents in the area to do in response to the growing problem of teen drug use.

Angela Andrews, a member of the local group, says that opening up the lines of conversation can influence teen attitudes towards drugs and alcohol and make them more likely to turn for help to a parent if they face a dilemma over drugs. Research suggests most young people are 13 years old when they first try drugs and alcohol.

"Denial about teen drug use is the biggest barrier we face to dealing with the problem," says Andrews.

In fact, teen drug use in this region is higher than the Ontario average. That's based on the Ontario Student Drug Use Survey done in 2003 by the centre For Addiction and Mental Health. In the Central East region - which included Haliburton County - 70 per cent of students surveyed reported drinking alcohol, nearly one-third admitted smoking marijuana, and 10 per cent of respondents said they used hallucinogens.

More details are available at www.hkpr.on.ca under 'What's New' or calling the local Health Unit office.

Seminar tries to calm fears about new water regs

LANCE CROSSLEY

Staff Reporter

The Eco-tourism and Adventure Tourism Conference gave a workshop on water system management in an effort to "give people some degree of comfort" in approaching the new government water regulations, says co-presenter Jim Hollett.

Hollett, who runs Jay Lake camping grounds, recently upgraded his system in accordance to the new law and lent his expertise to the crowd with John Desbiens, an engineer with the environmental consulting firm SGS.

Hollett says that implementing the new system has been "a good experience from the point of view that we are more comfortable with our water. It's been a bad experience from the point of view that it costs \$20,000."

He estimates that \$5,500 of that total went to engineering fees while the rest went into equipment expenditures.

The water regulations, also known as Bill 170, affect anyone who supplies drinking water to the public. The bill is controversial because of the potential economic impact on small rural business owners not linked to a municipal water system. Some owners are worried they won't be able to shoulder the high costs of system upgrades.

The public outcry caused the govern-

LANCE CROSSLEY/Echo



Jim Hollett and John Desbiens shared their knowledge about clean drinking water systems this past week at Fleming College's Eco-tourism conference. The workshop aimed to clarify some cloudy issues posed by the Ontario government's new water regulations.

ment to form an advisory council this past spring, which toured the province in an attempt to gauge the feasibility of the water policy. The Liberals have since shown signs of being uncomfortable with the former Conservative government's initiative, most recently by extending the deadlines for compliance.

Desbiens concedes that costs may run high for some businesses, but since each case is circumstantial, it is necessary for people to research the regulations and assess their individual needs.

"Sometimes people hear what they want to hear, or hear what they don't

want to hear and that gets carried along. You know, bad news carries farther than good news," says Desbiens.

However, with the uncertainty surrounding the costs involved and owners unsure if the bill will change in the near future, there are those who feel the workshop can only bring cold comfort.

"I had the good fortune to learn some things that I didn't know. Feeling better? No. I don't feel any better because it still affects us, it's still pending, still coming along. There is still a future of this having an effect on my business," says Sally Moore of Sunny Rock Bed and Breakfast.

A drinking water system is comprised of both a treatment and a distribution system. Bill 170 classifies these systems into eight categories. Desbiens says the first step for owners is to determine which category they fall in, and then to get an assessment as to what is required to upgrade the existing system.

The 10th annual Ecotourism and Adventure Tourism Conference was held at Fleming College in Haliburton on Nov. 12 and 13. The conference presented a series of workshops related to ecotourism from Outdoor Tourism Insurance to Internet Marketing.

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Autumn does what summer didn't – attracts visitors

SHERYL LOUCKS

Staff Reporter

The following are brief reports from the November meeting of Dysart et al council.

The final report from the staff of the Tourism Information Caboose shows there were 1,587 fewer visitors to the caboose this year. The burst of warm weather in September and extraordinary fall foliage raised numbers after a dismal summer. Of the last four years the peak was 2002 with 12,426 visitors.

Pit Bulls

Reeve Murray Fearrey "totally agrees" with the provincial government's move to ban pit bulls. Clerk Tammy McKelvey says her concern is that the province is going to ask the municipality to enforce the legislation which may be an onerous job for the by-law officer. Fearrey says it would not make any sense for the province to hire people to run around trying to enforce the law.

The Association of Municipalities of Ontario has already proposed that municipalities enforce the new law rather than police even though AMO did not consult with its members first. Fearrey and Deputy-reeve Bill Davis agreed that in up-coming conferences they should tackle the issue of AMO accountability.

Winterfest cancelled

Lou Trepanier, chair of the Winterfest

committee, thanked Dysart for its financial support over the years.

The festival was cancelled last year because of difficulty in arranging a date and a lack of volunteers. Trepanier turned over \$866, the remainder of the committee's budget, to be used by the municipality to benefit children. Fearrey said it might be used for maintenance costs of the skateboard park.

Santa's coming

Santa Claus is coming to town on November 28 and this year jolly old St. Nick will be riding in style. As council passed a resolution approving the staging of the parade in Haliburton, Fearrey said that the new Santa float built by the Lions Club is beautiful and "as good as any you'll see in small town Ontario."

Speed limits

Lead foots beware: council passed a motion to lower the speed limits on College Road, Eagle Lake Road and Trappers Trail from 80 to 50.

Parking meters

Vandals have made off with two parking meter heads in the hopes of breaking into them. McKelvey says they are impossible to break into and often end up in the river. The municipality has been monitoring the river but has not yet recovered them. Fearrey suggested that if and when the meters are replaced, a spot welder should be called in to attach more firmly the heads to the posts.

Loblaws won't talk about its new building on County Road 21

SHERYL LOUCKS

Staff Reporter

The blasted out hill near the Beer Store on County Road 21 may look like a gravel operation but it is at some point suppose to be the site of a new Your Independent Grocer store – not that the company is admitting to it.

A phone call to the media relations office of the Loblaws Corporation which oversees the Independent Grocer chain produced little information. The staff said that unless a sign is posted on the site saying which store is going up or the news has been circulated in an official announcement, the public relations office has no comment.

A public meeting was held last year when the advisability of Dysart et al granting the building permit for the new store was debated.

The corporation received all of the necessary approvals to go ahead with the store but planner Pat Martin says she is not aware of the project's timelines.

Neither is Mike Easton, manager of the valu-mart in Haliburton. Easton says he has not been told when the new store is being built or what will be in the complex. He says the downtown valu-mart will not remain open when the Independent goes operational but he does not have a closing date in mind yet.

The two grocery stores are sub-

sidaries of Loblaw Companies Limited. The Independent Grocer stores are a relatively new phenomenon in the grocery business.

They appeared on the scene in the 1990s as a franchise in suburban communities catering to those looking for "one-stop shopping." The stores have seasonal items, outdoor furniture, magazines, health and beauty care products as well as a whole line of services including photolabs, flower markets, drug stores, dry cleaning, Klox for Kids, Deal Zone and no fee daily banking provided by President's Choice Financial.

It's believed the Haliburton site will also have a gas station.

It is quite the evolution from the root of the company, National Grocers, which opened in 1925. National Grocers consolidated food distribution systems between 34 grocery firms and grew to include Red and White Stores, Lucky Dollar Food Stores, Maple Leaf stores and then in the 1950s Super Save Markets.

In the 1960s National Grocers became part of the George Weston Group of companies and then later a subsidiary of Loblaw Companies Limited.

In the 1980s the company created valu-mart and Freshmart stores for rural areas. A decade later came the Your Independent Grocer franchise. It now has 54 stores, predominantly in northern Ontario but coming soon to a village near you.

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Hard drugs lost a lot of their fear factor in the '60s and virtually every teenager since then has been exposed to a cornucopia of ways to "tune in, turn on and drop out." Most teenagers will end up experimenting and decide that they don't really like drugs that much - or they don't like the risk of getting caught that much. Unfortunately, for some it won't end in experimentation.

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martha perkins

It doesn't help to demonize drugs but neither should we give some romantic "alcohol is just as bad and it's legal" version of the impact that drugs can have on people's lives. Drugs are addictive and they are relatively expensive. Since they can also impair your ability to work, drug addiction can get harder and harder to pay for. That's why so many users end up involved in other crimes.

Again, it would be stupid to tell your teenagers that there's an automatic link between drugs and jail (just like in the '70s teenagers could see through the finger-wagging threat of the link between sex and death: sex leads to pregnancy which leads to illegal abortion which leads to death.) Teenagers won't believe all the doom and gloom stories about drugs if they see their friends using them with few obvious ill effects.

But drugs cannot be condoned. Drugs offer a poor thrill or respite from the stresses of life because they create an entire host of other problems. If you're wondering what to say, then the local Drug Action Group is offering some assistance. By contacting the health unit, there are resources you can access to be a partner in your teenager's struggle to decide whether to experiment with drugs, not just a helpless bystander.

New address in town

My goodness, we feel so, so, "urban" around here at *The Echo* now that we no longer have to be laughed at when we give our courier address as "the corner of Highland and Cedar."

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The person on the other end of the line is nonplussed. They tell you they have no room for "the corner of Highland and Cedar" on their computer screen. They need a real address or they won't send the parcel.

Well, let it be known to all couriers and others that, from this day forth, *The Echo* is no longer "the big blue house overlooking Head Lake at the flashing yellow light." *The Echo* is at 146 Highland Street. Now doesn't that sound grown up?



Museum, shedding light on local history

Photo by DARREN LUM/ECHO

Doom, gloom, and golf

Gloom and doom and golf - a bit of onomatopoeia and smidgin of alliteration. In November the gloom is real, for the sun is rarely seen. November this year, and the pervading, nebulous sense of impending doom seems to fill more of the atmosphere than usual. We begin to wonder if we have any more control over our future than we have over the seasons. Can golf do more than provide us with a momentary diversion? Can it give us guidelines that we could apply to life? Could it provide a ray of sunshine? Perhaps.

For over a century we have put our trust in the belief that through progress we will prevail and gradually create, if not a utopian society, at least one in which civility to all is basic. We are beginning to wonder if that's just a pipe dream, that perhaps progress as a beacon leading us into the glorious future is a flawed concept. Gloom and doom loom. Far fetched as it may seem, golf, its evolution, its present dilemmas, and its solutions for a viable future, may just be a harbinger of how our world could evolve.

Basic to the game is civility. At professional tournaments even the spectators accede to this standard. Where spectators at other sports may participate in wanton behaviour and destruction of premises, the decorum at professional golf tournaments is very different. On occasion the spectators may be uncivil but not repeatedly. A dozen years ago, Greg Norman, Australian, was booed when it appeared he might be winning a major tournament. Only once. It was not tolerated, the rationale being that such behaviour was not sporting. Now players from many countries participate and are welcomed. The crowd learned that if you want to be involved, you show respect for the players and the rules as set out in the game.

The players, too, have a code steeped in tradition, with responsibility for one's actions and civility to others as its foundation. Keeping score personally is a must. No one, it seems, is allowed to forget the time the winner at the

Masters made an insignificant mistake on his scorecard and had the championship taken from him. No one forgets because the commentators mention it frequently. Players are responsible for their own actions.

So far, so good. Golf looks like a model for civil society. Traditions aside, however, golf has been seduced by our Western belief in progress. New clubs and balls are constantly flooding the market, promising to send the ball farther with no greater force applied; new

courses are being designed with wider fairways and fewer traps in play - all these to improve the score, add money to the coffers of the equipment makers, and supposedly fool the players into thinking their prowess has improved. These innovations, this so-called progress, threaten, however, the essence of the game, as well as the challenges of the great old courses.

The rules committee of the PGA have now declared that golf clubs must conform to stated standards.

Club materials and design are now carefully delineated. Within the year the committee expects also to regulate ball materials so that the ball flight remains within defined limits. Deadening certain balls now in use may also be ordained. The committee spokesman commented that golfers must learn to rely upon ability, not technical aids.

Whether we accept the jaded view that pressure from these renowned, old courses required the limits, or whether we hope that it is just common sense, - either way, limits are being imposed. Real limits. Progress, or improvements, or whatever terms we designate, are being restricted because the life force of the ancient game of golf is beginning to lose its soul.

Golf's example cannot dispel the doom and gloom of this November. Golf, however, is showing, in its small way, that civility, personal responsibility, limits on hardware and so on, are feasible, even necessary guidelines for the survival of the game. A ray of sunshine?



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Directionally challenged

If I've learned anything over the years it's that there are certain fundamental differences between men and women. For the most part, these can be summarized by bumpiness, smell, and the way we eat chicken wings. Other than that we are all the same - if by "same" you allow for a multitude of major philosophical, physical and mental variances.

This is because the gender gap is slowly deteriorating to the point where enlightened men such as I no longer feel a bit of guilt watching our wives split and pile wood for the winter. In future years, in fact, I believe that a statue of me will be erected, inscribed with my historic words, "Let them shovel snow and then eat cake." I just hope to see it before my sudden death.

Yet, despite this equality, it is in that most noble of all human endeavours - the giving of directions - that women lag behind.

tales from



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For instance, ask a man how to get to a place and he'll provide a concise set of instructions that will involve a big moose rack on someone's garage, one or more inaccurate cardinal directions, and a road name that no longer exists. Men instinctively know that with this simple information you can get to just about anywhere in the known world - it's how Columbus stumbled into America.

Women, though, have evolved careful direction-giving skills that are confusing to anyone outside

their own bodies.

And that's why I was so bewildered the other week when my friend, as manly a man as you'll ever meet, gave me this latter type of directions to his duck hunting cabin. Here is a brief excerpt. Naturally, the places and names have been changed to protect the innocent.

"Okay, take the highway into town," he began confidently.

"Yes, highway," I repeated gruffly, "and then should I look out for a garage with an old moose rack?"

"No," he said, "once you pass the welcome sign, you need to watch out for a tall, slender gold fuchsia flower pot on the front lawn of the green split-level house. It's got no flowers now but in the springtime it's actually quite lovely - loaded with geraniums."

"So what you're saying then is that someone dumped an old moose rack in the flower pot," I said, jotting that down.

"No," he replied, "there's no moose rack. But five or six intersections beyond the flower pot is a folk art shop. Go past that."

"And then I'll take a sharp right turn due east followed by several random northward jogs," I asked eagerly.

"Umm, no. Actually there's a gentle Y in the road. Down the right fork is this little log cabin. It has a neat split cedar rail fenced paddock where they keep horses. Sometimes this beautiful little white pony is there. It gallops around and just glistens in the sunlight. It's something to see, I tell you. Anyway, don't go there, take the other fork."

I began hyperventilating.

"Follow that fork until you see this old historic church. Go past it to the stop sign - it's red and hexagonal with the letters S-T-O-P stencilled on it in white. Stop there briefly"

I won't go into further gory details. Suffice it to say that I was weeping openly by this time.

"Bill," I whispered hoarsely, "have aliens from the planet Estrogen taken over your brain?"

"I have no idea what you're talking about"

"Just as I suspected - in the name of Mankind I demand you give back Bill," I said menacingly. "Resist and we'll place an immediate moratorium on White Sales and we'll start scratching in public again!"

It didn't take long before the old Bill was returned to us. I know this because he promptly provided me with faulty GPS co-ordinates.

Is there a lesson to be learned here? Thankfully no.

But during the hunt, after dumping our fifth mallard into the decoys, we finally found the courage to speak of it again.

"I guess I thumbed through one too many Chatelaines," he said sheepishly. "I thought I could handle it."

Embarrassed, he went for a paddle down the lake while I dropped a plump black duck in the decoys. Unfortunately, the waves swept it out to an unwadable back bay.

When Bill returned I asked if he'd paddle over to get it.

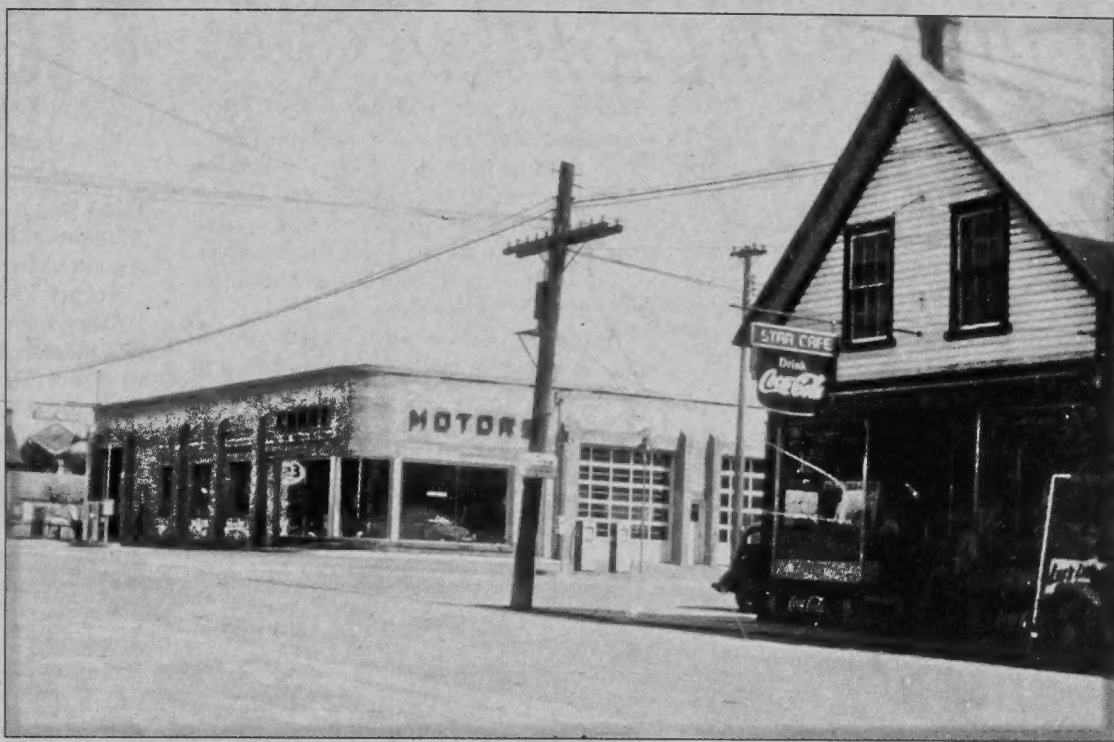
"Sure," he said, "where is it?"

"See that mossy old stump?"

He nodded.

"Okay don't go there, but just past it, beneath the third willow I saw this great looking pileated woodpecker. If you're lucky, he might still be there - his colours are gorgeous. Anyhow across the bay from that there's this rustic, old muskrat house where the creek channel makes a Y..."

As he paddled off looking more than a little bewildered, a terrible realization came over me. That's right, I almost forgot to give him the faulty GPS co-ordinates.



pic of the past

Curry Motors has been a Haliburton landmark since the 1940s, but it's about to get a new home. The dealership will be moving to a new location on County Road 21 in the near future. The building at the village's main intersection may remain however, in a redeveloped form. At right is the Star cafe. When this photo was taken there were no stoplights at the intersection. Our thanks to Barbara Hodgson-Medd for providing the photo.

letters to the editor

Government's water regulations have sweeping effect locally

To the Editor:

I was pleased to see the headline of this week's *Echo*, "Water rules may shut down B & B's", for this topic should be at the forefront of an economic discussion in our largely tourism-based community. The topics and controversy surrounding Bill 170 have been at the top of the agenda for resort associations, suppliers, water system operators, plumbing companies, engineers, shareholders, stakeholders, and owners since it was first introduced into the legislature over three years ago.

However, the article in *The Echo* is only scratching the surface of the iceberg when it refers to bed and breakfast establishments existing as the only seriously affected public suppliers of water. It is time that the general public understood the far-reaching implications to each and every ratepayer in this province by having the media bring this issue to the forefront. Churches, daycares and of course resorts are also bearing the brunt of the Walkerton incident and the Ontario government's hasty rush for patchwork public accountability measures in the wake of that disaster with the regulation effectively putting the burden of environmental testing of Ontario's water supplies directly on the shoulders of these institutions.

To assume that motel and hotel associations are lobbying the government to impose the new rules as a way of increasing the cost of staying at a bed and breakfast is just downright incorrect and

FOBBA may need to do some clarifying on this. Everyone affected by Bill 170 is in the same boat here, and since we became aware of the regulation, we have done nothing but lobby the government through our associations and directly to the representatives themselves to repeal the regulation and make it more workable economically for everyone yet still provide safe drinking water for the public. It is worrisome, tireless and thankless work but there is certainly no dastardly plan afoot among resort, motel and hotel associations to exclude B & B's from the face of tourism via economic increases as your editorial mistakenly reports. This affects us ALL.

We already know that our particular resort will be unable to handle the costs of a \$30,000-plus renovation plus testing in the thousands of dollars annually to allow us to work as a year-round resort and provide jobs in this, the second lowest paid county of all of Ontario. We have been basically forced by the economics alone of compliance into retreating to a seasonal-only facility.

Still, operating at part-time capacity, we are still facing renovations in the range of \$12-15,000 plus testing and Operator Certification. Add to that, a slow economy and the long lasting impact of SARS and West Nile and you've got a potent cocktail for economic disaster in the tourism industry overall that no measure of subsidized government marketing dollars could counter. It could be the end of

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Boonieville by Charlie Teljeur



In praise of postal people

To the Editor:

Four years ago I went to Udaipur, in Royistan State, India to do volunteer work. While there, I was invited to live with an Indian family. My bed was a cozy cushion of blankets piled neatly on the living room floor. I felt deeply loved by this family. Granddaughter Mona danced for me.

When I returned to Hamilton, I received a letter from eight-year-old Mona and her mother and a picture of Mona in her dancing costume.

What a lovely surprise when last week, at my new residence at Halimar Lodge, Haliburton, I received my second letter from Mona, now age twelve. It too contained a photo of her dancing. She also told me about her winning several

dancing awards and her devastation when she didn't win. She and her brother Mohit are both doing well at school. Mohit learned to swim this year.

An amazing feature is that she mailed her letter in May, I received it in October. It wasn't sealed, yet the letter and photo arrived safely.

Thank you Haliburton postal people for your part in delivering this letter to me safely.

Barbara Baxter,
Haliburton

P.S. I wonder if a child age 12-14 might like to correspond with Mona or Mohit, or perhaps a class. Their English is very good. My phone number is 455-9682.

Pothole that caused a tumble not fixed or filled in days later

To the Editor:

Whatever has become of the caring communities we used to have?

I had a nasty tumble in a rough hole upon leaving the Curling Club after the Laidlaw Awards Dinner on Nov. 6th. Strangers that night were very considerate and caring. This problem was duly reported to the Municipal Office early Monday, where I was assured things would be looked into.

Considering the number of people who have to park in the dark around the corner, I was surprised to see the hole

still unattended to a week later. Even though a senior of 69, I am reasonably fit, and though I've spent a week of misery, expect to make a full recovery, only time will tell.

Yet not even a word from the municipality to see if all's improving! Even if the pavement is too hard to do in a hurry, a shovelful of dirt would help. It's bad enough dodging the outdoor "skating rink" puddle hollow.

Lorna Hicks,
Ingoldsby

Fighting for jobs

from page 7

many resorts, restaurants and B & Bs, not to mention the fundraising burden put on the shoulders of local churches.

To my knowledge, never once in the history of my resort's 82-year existence has there been an adverse water test, and of course common business sense and communal responsibility only could lead to the conclusion that we, as well as all the others affected by the regulation, are committed to supplying a safe water source for our guests! So many smaller resorts and campgrounds are facing the very same dilemma.

It is very important for the public to know the long-term effect on the local economy for this regulation, and we need the media to open this up more and make it an issue. Jobs will be lost, and the trickle down effect will be substantial and devastating. Accommodation rates will have to be adjusted to pay for the renovations and those costs are passed to the consumer. Not all of them will be able to afford the rate increase, as many are middle- and low-income families. In turn, the local economy will suffer from the reduced number of average Joe and Jane Doe tourists who no longer will be able to afford what is faster becoming a luxury vacation for most families in Ontario's backyard playground here in Haliburton.

We, the private sector are, in effect, becoming the water testers for all of Ontario's watershed. It's a rather cheap way for the government to keep tabs on just exactly what is going on with our overall water quality as all the results that

those under the regulations must report go directly into the MOE's database for year-by-year comparison.

I would urge people to become familiar with this regulation (although that in itself might require a degree in environmental law in order to understand it) and to write their local MPP and Leona Dombrowsky, Minister of the Environment as well as the Advisory Council on Drinking Water Quality and Testing Standards to express how this regulation may affect them. As of November 8th, it seems as though we may all have a reprieve on the timelines to implement these expensive changes, but as we all know, government legislation and position can change with the wind. Here's the site:

<http://www.ene.gov.on.ca/envision/water/sdwa/dwsr.htm>.

The only lottery winners here are the engineering companies and water quality testing companies who are laughing with their fizzy imported designer bottled water all the way to the bank and the politicians who are breathing a sigh of relief as they execute what looks to the average taxpayer, a smooth, quick and effective way to ever avoid the mishaps and embarrassment of a second Walkerton.

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Veterans should have right to smoke, Legion says

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erans don't have that much time left to enjoy life and she doesn't think the government should impose such restrictions.

"That's what I believe and I'll stand behind it 100 per cent," she said. "A lot of people don't like smoke, but I believe that's one privilege smokers should have. As far as I'm concerned, the government can take their proposal and shove it as far away as they can get it."

Ev Stata's late husband Wes was a member of the Haliburton Legion Branch. He suffered from chronic lung disease and was unable to attend legion functions because of the smoke. In spite of that, Stata says the smokers should not be deprived.

"Those poor guys should have the chance to smoke," she said. "They don't

DARREN LUM/Echo



Smokers Joan and Gerry Irish are both long-time members of the Royal Canadian Legion in Haliburton and believe in having the choice to smoke. Joan's father was the branch's first active member in 1929. He died serving with the air force in 1940.

have many things left. As long as they keep it downstairs where it won't bother the non-smokers, it should be okay."

Malcolm Maxwell, owner of the Northwood Inn, which permits smoking, says he expects a smoking ban to affect his business to some degree.

"I'm planing to make an application

for a patio, which will help me for six months of the year," he said. "I find it very hard to believe the government wouldn't allow people to smoke on a patio."

He says people who smoke are going to smoke, whether they have to go out in the parking lot or on a patio. "You're not

going to stop it," he said. "If people want to smoke they are goig to smoke."

Maxwell said the general crowd he gets at the Northwood Inn are younger people, many of whom don't smoke.

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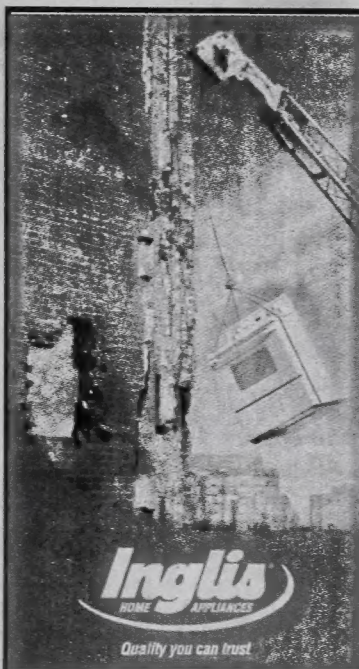
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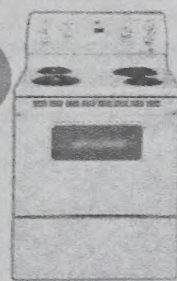


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Hundreds attended the Remembrance Day ceremony held at the Haliburton cenotaph located on Highland St. on Thursday, Nov. 11. Included in the ceremonies were the laying of the wreaths at the foot of the cenotaph, the playing of Last Post (Reveille) by Edward Cyr, the parade of the Colour Party, led by the Haliburton Highlands Pipe Band.



Haliburton heroes are remembered



Photos by Darren Lum



Red Hawks ground Falcons attack in Kawartha West final

HHSS earned berth to Kawartha AA
in Peterborough

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

HHSS 49
FFSS 30

The Kawartha West final between the Fenelon Falls Falcons and HHSS was billed as a titanic battle, but it never materialized.

In past games these two teams needed the fourth quarter to win but the Red Hawks eliminated the Falcons' chances by the third quarter.

HHSS lost the lead only twice and pulled away in the second half with a convincing 19 - 4 run in the third quarter.

Before a throng of fans, the Red Hawks won 49 - 30.

When these two teams played each other the fouls often outnumbered the points on the board. This game was not that different as the first points were not scored until Michelle Neumann broke the deadlock with 4:29 left in the first quarter. Both teams, however, were given ample chances to score, before Michelle posted the game's first points.

The first quarter ended with a total of 16 points being scored by both teams with HHSS on top 10 - 6.

Forward Cassidy Zilla took the lead, scoring six successive points in the final minutes of the quarter to give the Red Hawks a four-point lead at the end of the first.



DARREN LUM/ECHO

Red Hawks' forward Michelle Neumann blocks off the advance of a Falcons player in the first half of the Kawartha West Championship. HHSS won 49 - 30.

In the final minute of the second quarter the Falcons forced two turnovers that resulted in four quick points and the lead. Spreading the defence out with a series of passes on the perimeter in the dying seconds of the half, Red Hawk point guard Julie Johnston at the top of the key hit an open Paige Collins just inside the arc to the left of the basket for a buzzer beater to give a one-point lead going into the break. The buzzer beater gave the team momentum that built into the 24 - 4 run in the third quarter, dashing the hopes of the visiting team.

The Red Hawks' supporting cast got into the act in

the fourth quarter and picked up where the starters left off, closing out the game with an 8 - 4 run.

HHSS forward Kirsten Rae led scorers with 11 points while Natalia Rico and Michelle Neumann added 26 rebounds combined.

In a recent tournament to qualify for the Kawartha AA Championship, the Red Hawks won both games. HHSS beat Lakefield 50 - 24 and Coby West 45 - 22, earning the berth in the championship at Kenner Secondary School in Peterborough.

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Red Hawks outpace Titans

HHSS 7
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DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

A season after their fourth place at OFSSA the Red Hawks continued where they left off with a convincing win over first year St. Thomas Aquinas in their home opener on Tuesday, Nov. 9.

It was a slow start for the defending Kawartha champions who managed a 2 - 1 lead at the end of the first period despite outchancing, and outshooting the Titans 15 - 5.

Red Hawks' centre Matt Roberts, during his forecheck, opened the scoring. It was the easiest goal of his career when the Titans defenseman sent a pass off of his skate and into the net for the first goal of the season and the game.

The Titans tied the game with a powerplay goal with 6:16 left in the first period. Off of his own rebound Titans forward Kenny Gorniuski sent home the equalizer with a backhand that slid under Red Hawks goalie Mike Lennox.

Late in the period during a powerplay Red Hawks defenseman Josh Fick, from a cross ice pass from his defense partner Ryan Bottum, added another with a waist high wrist shot.

After the goal the quick skating Roberts

DARREN LUM/Echo



Red Hawks' player Jonathon Sharpley avoids the forecheck in his own end after clearing the puck from behind his net in the team's home opener. HHSS won easily 7 - 2 over the St. Thomas Aquinas Titans.

collected a loose puck at the Titans blue-line for a breakaway, but was turned away when the Titans goalie managed to catch a piece of the shot.

The Titans would get a chance late in the period as the game opened up and both teams started to bodycheck in the neutral zone.

The Red Hawks settled down and continued to throw shot after shot at Titans goalie Dylan Barr who faced 40 shots in the game.

By the second period both teams played with less discipline, giving more open ice

and chances. HHSS penalties kept the game closer than it should have been. The Red Hawks forward Zach Joanu started the offensive flood with his highlight reel goal when he collected a blueline pass from Kevin Bowman at the edge of the Titans zone and flicked off a bullet wrist shot from the slot, beating Barr on the stick side 3 - 1 with five minutes left in the second. Joanu had just missed on his previous opportunity to score while on a breakaway. HHSS would continue their attack until the end of the period. This momentum would continue in the third with the

Red Hawks outshooting and, unlike the first period, showed their finishing abilities, scoring four goals with three coming within three minutes of each other.

Goals came from Jordan Joanu, Ryan Bottum, and Aaron Davidson. Roberts finished with two goals and an assist while linemates Fick and Bottum finished with a goal and an assist each.

HHSS goalie Lennox was in his first game with the varsity team. He was only tested 19 times, but the bulk of his shots were in close or off of odd man rushes where he found himself alone.



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Budding Hawks seek community support

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

A trio of women are blazing a trail for young hockey hopefuls.

After three years the Red Hawks are icing an all girls hockey team through the tireless efforts of HHSS students Jenny Perrott, Kourtney Matysek and Nicole Manary.

Despite the organization frustrations, they were bound and determined to start the team in their final year of high school.

"We didn't want to take no for an answer," Perrott said. "We've been hoping to start this for the younger girls."

When they started high school they wished hockey was offered. Perrott and Manary play their hockey in Peterborough because of the lack of a girls' league here in the county.

Kristy Smith, a former figure skater, has always wanted to play, but never really had the opportunity until now.

"Having a team at the school gave me the initiative," she says. The Grade 12 student said figure skating is more "stressful and expensive" and if this team hadn't started she would have not played any sports at this time of the year.

The team roster has 15 players, representing every grade with players who possess varying degrees of experience. Some girls have never played hockey, while others have been lacing them for nine years.

Statistics Canada said the number of women signing up through the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association offices has reached 14, 235 which is a 75 per cent increase between 1990 - 1998.

Support staff for the team can't get much



DARREN LUM/ECHO

The organizers of the Red Hawks women's hockey program (Jenny Perrott, Kourtney Matysek, and Nicole Manary) hope to receive more sponsorship to ensure the program finishes its first year.

better than their advisor. Former NHLer Ron Stackhouse joined the team to help out when current high school coach Dave Chambers was preoccupied with football coaching responsibilities. He said his involvement with this team was as much for them as for himself.

"I wanted to see if I can still skate. I was once on the pond, but other than that it's been five years. It's fun to get out. The girls are having fun. That's what it's all about," he says.

Aside from challenges of finding ice time

so late in the year the program is in dire need of funds since it is not receiving any financial income aside from sponsorships.

"We have no money. We've been looking for sponsors," Matysek said. "We don't want money to be the determining factor [for this program]. We're going to do whatever we can."

Thus far the team has received some support. Whether it has been financial through local sponsorships from Outdoors Plus, Churko Furniture, Curry Motors, Sandy Lane Resort, and relatives of the

players, or the boys high school team giving one day a week of their ice time and jerseys for games, people have on the most part been supportive of the program. Parents have offered to drive the team to tournaments since bus costs are prohibitive.

In the upcoming year the program will host fundraising activities such as an auction and a ice fishing derby.

The team's first action will be at a tournament in Huntsville on Nov. 25. The program expects to host their tournament in January.

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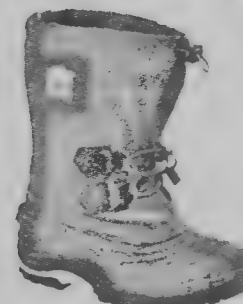
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of Holy Cross Hurricanes

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

Red Hawks stay ahead of Hurricanes

The Red Hawks are continuing their winning ways in their second game of the season on the road on Thursday, Nov. 11.

Holy Cross were not able to keep pace with the high flying offense of the Red Hawks and lost 7 - 4.

HHSS centreman Matt Roberts scored the game winner with 43 sec-

onds left in the second period during a four minute powerplay. Forward Sean Keaney and defenseman Josh Fick assisted on the goal.

Jesse Johnson scored two goals early in the game while Travis Walker, Keaney, Justin Abbs and Kevin Walker added single markers. On top of the game winner Roberts added two assists for another three point game in two games this season. Roberts leads the team with six points (three goals and three assists).

Haliburton Curling Club slides
into fourth week of season

WENDY VERMEERSCH

Special to the Echo

We are now in week four of the first draw at the Haliburton Curling Club. We have had some really close games and some runaway lopsided games, but as usual lots of laughter both on and off the ice. When we reach the mid point of the draws I will report the top team standings. It is super to see all our new curlers getting into the swing of things.

A fund raising event at the club is a euchre night, which we hope our card-playing members and friends will support. The tickets for the annual Christmas Dance on Dec 4th are now available for purchase from Chris Zahn.

The first Mixed Senior's Inter-Club is taking place on Nov. 16 at the Minden Curling Club. Bill McCoy is convening this event. Chalene Smith is convening the brunch and bonspiel on Sunday Nov 21st. Results of both of these events will be published at a later date.

Youth Curling has become very popular at the club this fall under the leadership of Marilou Mizzan. It has grown almost double in size from last year and we are pleased to see such interest from the young curlers.

With the purchase of the "Little Rocks" all ages and sizes are able to participate in the game. The strategies and teamwork learnt in the game of curling can be applied in many other situations so it is a great skill for the youth of today to have.

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Midget AE Storm capture championship in dying seconds

Huntsville 6 Highland Storm 4

First of all, a grand welcome to our team sponsor, GJ Burtch Construction.

On Friday November 5 the Highland Storm Midget AE took to the ice against Huntsville.

First period started with a goal to Huntsville at 5:49. The Storm came back with a goal at 5:38 scored by Max Ambridge, assisted by Josh Townsend and Tim Pettit. Huntsville struck back at 4:17 and the Storm answered once again at 4:09 on a goal by Billy Kulas assisted by Tyler Watson and Devin Hunter. The final goal of the first period went to Huntsville, giving it a first period lead of 3-2.

By the end of the second period the Highland Storm trailed 5-2. They came back for the third period with a goal by Devin Hunter assisted by Tim Pettit and Zach Pierson. Within four minutes the next goal went to Tim Pettit assisted by Devin Hunter. Zach Pierson this narrowed the score to Huntsville 5 Highland Storm 4. The game could now go either way, but unfortunately Huntsville got the final goal to win the game 6-4.

Joel MacPhee played in net for the game.

Highland Storm 7 Almaguin 1

The next day the Highland Storm GJ Burtch Construction Midget AEs took to the road facing Almaguin in Sunridge. On the bench were Head Coach Jim Winn Trainer Gary Smith and Manager Bill Kulas.

With nine players and two goalies the team came ready to play hockey.

Highland Storm led 1-0 after the first period. Energy fired up during the second period with four goals to Highland Storm and one goal to Almaguin within the final seconds of the second period.

Highland Storm held their lead in the third period and added another two goals to win the game 7-1.

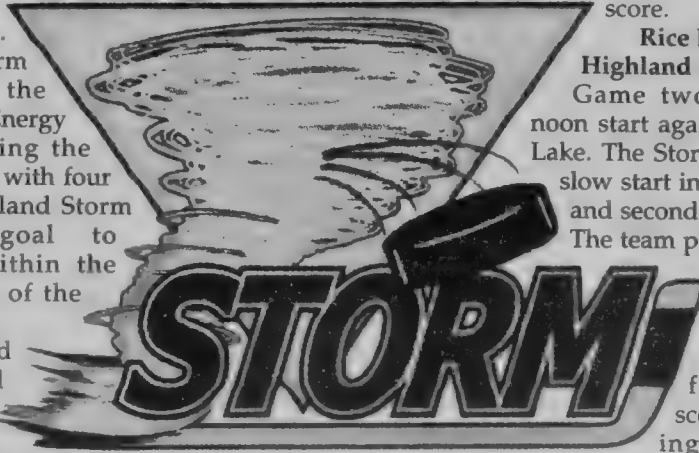
J.D. Crowe played in net for the Storm for a job well done! Max Ambridge received his second hat trick this season scoring four goals, Kody Smith had one goal, Billy Kulas had one goal and three assists and Tyler Watson with one goal and two assists. Way to go Highland Storm! The team played as a complete unit.

Bewdley Tournament

Deseronto 3 Highland Storm 0

The Midget AEs began with a 10 a.m. start at the Rice Lake Arena in Bewdley against Deseronto. The early morning start was not in the Highland Storm's favor as the game ended with a 3-0 loss to Deseronto. The team had a good

HIGHLAND



comeback in the third period but was unable to score.

Rice Lake 3

Highland Storm 2

Game two had a noon start against Rice Lake. The Storm had a slow start in the first and second periods. The team picked up for the third period, with the final score coming in at

Rice Lake 3 Highland Storm 2. Devin Hunter and Kenton Winn both had a goal and one assist; Tyler Watson and Josh Townsend both had an assist.

Highland Storm 4 Norwood 1

Game three was played against Norwood at 2. The first period had a goal by Devin Hunter and an assist by Tyler Watson. The Highland Storm came back strong in the third period with a goal to Devin Hunter assisted by Tyler Watson. Devon Hunter suffered a knee injury during the third period and was taken away by ambulance. The final three goals went to Kenton Winn assisted by Zach Pierson, Tim Pettit assisted by Kenton McGann, and Tyler Watson with an assist by Tim Pettit and Kenton Winn. A well-deserved win!

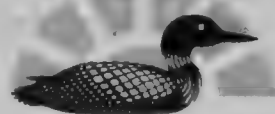
Highland Storm 3 Deseronto 2

Game four was played at 5:30 for the B championship. Highland Storm was the only team to play four games. In true Storm fashion this was the best game of the day. The entire game was well played by the entire team. Way to be out there, Mackie Campbell, forcing the plays. There was great defensive play by Kody Smith, who used his feet and moved the puck to the other end, not to mention covering the net during a tense play.

The third period ended with a 2-2 tie, Max Ambridge scoring both goals unassisted in the second and third periods. Great defensive plays went to Pat Prevost.

As always Highland Storm saved the best for last. The overtime playout started with five players from each team for one minute out on the ice, then four players one minute out. It was down to three players out for one minute when Tim Pettit went smashing into the net as he was pushed from behind by Deseronto. This resulted in a penalty to Deseronto and the next playout was two players Highland Storm and one player Deseronto. With 46 seconds left on the clock Tim Pettit went in for the winning goal.

Highland Storm won the B championship. Goalies J.D. Crowe and Joel MacPhee had a full day of staying sharp great job! A long yet full day of hockey! Congratulations Highland Storm to a tournament well played.



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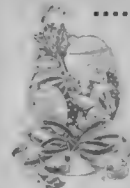
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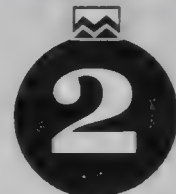
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Bantam A rebound from Bracebridge losses

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Special to the Echo

The Storm Bantam A played Bobcaygeon in Minden on Nov. 6th. The Storm dominated their opponents in every aspect of the game.

Steve Miscio, Jessee Tallman, Brady Hicks and Matt Eno scored in the first period giving the Storm a 4-0 lead. Bobcaygeon scored two in the second, their only tallies of the game. Chase Thurston scored again with the assist credited to Todd Simms. Tallman the bulged the twine again, the assist going to Miscio.

The third period rolled along with the Storm grabbing two more by Brady Hicks and Steve Miscio. Final score Storm 8 Bobcaygeon 2

The Storm then travelled to Bracebridge the next day. This was an exciting game with many penalties to both teams. The Storm went into the second period down one, but a beautiful goal by Kelsey Pierson tied it up. Chase Thurston netted one early in the third but Bracebridge was stronger and beat the Storm 6-2.

This past weekend the Storm took on Bracebridge again, hoping for a better outcome. The team came out strong and looked good with a goal going to Kelsey Pierson early in the first. Steve

Miscio then fired a bullet before Bracebridge came back with three, taking it to 4-2. Todd Simms then let his trademark slapshot go and brought the Storm to within 1. Simms then scored again in the third but it wasn't enough and Bracebridge won again 7-4.

On Sunday the Storm battled Gravenhurst. This game saw the return of the injury-stricken Colin Callaghan and Dan Goodwin much to the delight of the fans and the coaching staff. The Storm was all over Gravenhurst for the entire game and Jordan Collins proved to be a brick wall between the pipes. Jessee Tallman opened the scoring then Logan Brown, who was a valuable call up, followed with two and Robert Lowes added another to make it 4-0 at the end of the first.

In the second Colin Callaghan scored with the assist going to Thurston. Todd Simms then lit it up bringing the lead to six. Gravenhurst didn't quit and came back with a quick three goals their only tallies of the game. Matt Eno scored late in the second with Derek Carpenter grabbing the assist. Logan Brown got his hattrick for the night scoring again in the third. Matt Eno then got his second and Chase Thurston ended the scoring with two. The Storm were victorious in an 11-3 win.

Giving it a Try

Get off your duff and try some stuff.

That's the message being sent by organizers of the first ever Try It Showcase taking place at the Minden Community Centre

on November 20. At the event, residents in Haliburton County can discover the many opportunities available locally to be active.

"With the cold weather on its way, here's a chance to warm up to some new activities you may never have had a chance to try before," says Anne-Marie Cyr, a public health nurse with the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit.

The Try It Showcase runs from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, November 20. Featured will be displays and demonstrations of several activities. These include badminton, squash, women's hockey, tai chi, square dancing, falls prevention, cross training, trail initiatives and even a lesson on surviving winter sports.

In addition, representatives of Food For Kids and the Yes We Can Build A

Pool Committee will be available to talk about their initiatives. Draw prizes, free refreshments and food samples are also on tap.

Admission to the event is by donation (\$2/person and \$5/family is recommended.) All proceeds will support school snack programs and local trail development in Haliburton County. The Try It Showcase is organized by Health For Life, the Health Unit and Haliburton Trails & Tours Network.

Following the Try It Showcase, everyone is invited to the Minden Arena for a free Jingle Bell Skate from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on November 20. The skating event is meant to cap the day and carries a hint of the holiday theme.

"Try It is the name of the game, whether shooting a puck, hitting a badminton birdie, or moving to tai chi," Cyr notes. "I think people will be floored by what is offered right here in their own community."

More details about the Try It Showcase are available by calling the Health Unit at (705) 457-1391.

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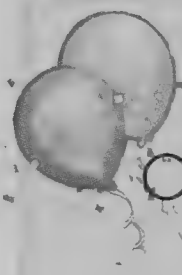
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Mabel Winder continues her battle against culverts

SHERYL LOUCKS

Staff Reporter

Mabel Winder returned to Highlands East council last Tuesday, once again frustrated by the lack of response to her request to restore water levels in the Gooderham Pond.

The water level was dramatically altered after the installation of new culverts on County Road 503 more than a year ago.

Winder was devastated by the loss of the historic pond and says it has had a dramatic impact of the aquatic life and her beloved swans.

She says she received a letter from the Haliburton County Roads department

saying they would put rocks in to raise the water level by a few feet but nothing has happened. She has been seeking permission from the Department of Fisheries and Oceans and the Ministry of Natural Resources to further dredge the front of her property, as her neighbour has, in order to recreate the pond but to no avail.

Deputy-Reeve Bill Howe says she has gone through more than enough work trying to fix a problem she did not create. He suggested the municipality write to MP Barry Devolin and get him involved. Reeve Keith Tallman agreed they would write to the county and other parties involved to see if they could provide Winder with any assistance.

Coat exchange proved a big success

To the Editor:

I would like to say thank-you to all those who made this year's coat exchange possible. Thank-you to the Haliburton County Echo, Minden Times, Canoe FM and Lawrence's Coffee Service.

The event was a success thanks to the cooperation of those businesses who offered drop off points for coats that included the schools and both IGA stores and the Independent Grocer. Special thanks to Joan Harpell at Archie Stouffer who put together the letter that was sent homes with kids at the elementary schools in Minden and Haliburton.

Very special thanks to Tom, Diane and Kate Dawson at Wintergreen who provided the location for the coat exchange on November 6 and volunteers Roy Scott (Green Lake), Laurie and Hannah Reddering and Heather Burns. There were 150 clean coats distributed thanks to the Lindsay Cleaners. The remainder of the coats were distributed in Wilberforce by Brenda Duncan at the Ontario Early Years Center and in Dorset by Melissa Alfano.

This was a fun experience. What it made it all worthwhile was when a four year old boy came up to us and said, "thanks a lot for the warm coat." Let's do this again next year.

Keith and Francis Burns



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Scott Rae, raking leaves into a burning pile, helps his dad Grant get rid of the vestiges of autumn in the village of Haliburton on Wednesday, Nov. 10.



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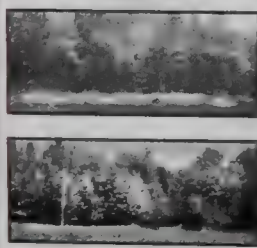
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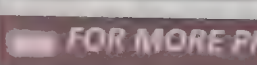
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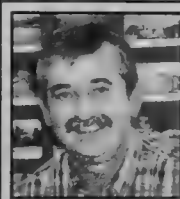


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Fleming students get a little help from their Friends

SHERYL LOUCKS

Staff Reporter

The Great Hall's ceiling does not show a reflection of the outdoor sky as the one in the fictional Harry Potter books but there is enough creative magic happening inside the new Sir Sanford Fleming College campus for Carole Finn to liken the school to Hogwarts.

The annual giving of scholarships and bursaries from the Friends of Fleming has grown substantially from an informal affair to becoming the first in-school event for students to be held in the new Great Hall.

"Four years ago Wendy Bateman would bring sandwiches at lunch hour and we'd give out the awards. The idea for a dinner started last year," says Ted Brandon, the campus's operations manager.

Last year the dinner was held at the Dysart Community Centre because the old Sisco Centre, the college's former campus, had no room for such functions. Times have changed. Now students, staff and guests were able to saunter in from their studios to the heart of the new campus, the Great Hall.

What has not changed, says Principal Barb Bolin, is the dedication of the Friends who have continued to work

SHERYL LOUCKS/ECHO



Friends of Fleming and the chefs who participate in the annual fundraising Feast of Foods awarded several Sir Sanford Fleming College students with financial awards.

hard to ensure students with talent and ambition receive some financial assistance in pursuing their dreams. Several members of the Friends have been with the organization since its inception.

Bolin thanked all of the members individually. She made special note of the Easter Egg hunt co-ordinated by Brandon and sponsored by the Friends. It will be held inside the new campus this year instead of at the soggy Head Lake Park.

She also thanked Scott deSavoye, Delta Pinestone general manager, for his continuous support in the donation of the resort's grand ballroom for the Feast of Foods and assistance with other special events. Bolin says without the support from the Delta Pinestone they would

have \$5,000 less to give to students.

Finn, chair of the Friends, made a special speech thanking the chefs who donate their time and expertise to the Feast of Foods, the staff for donating art to the annual auction and to everyone else involved in fundraising.

This year approximately \$30,500 was given to students through 29 different awards, thanks to the Friends. The awards are given for the summer programs and full-time students in all pro-

grams.

This year's full time student recipients are as follows. Brenda Sexsmith, the Kathleen Finlay award from Don Finlay; eco-tourism program, Brenda Newman and Kristina Patterson; art certification program, Ester Strijbos, Amy Belair, Stacey Morrison, Jennifer Obokatata, Brenda Sexsmith, April Gates, Amanda Morz and Joanne LeClerc; blacksmith program, Donovan Denhat; and personal support worker program, Sarah Johnson.

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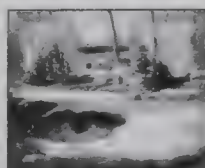
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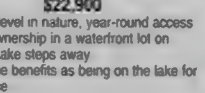
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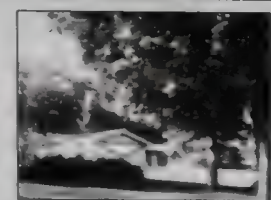
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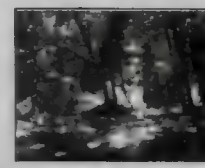


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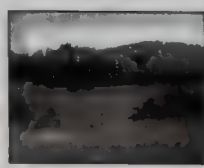
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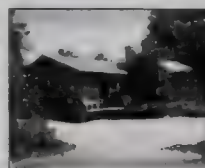
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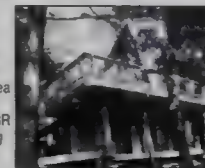
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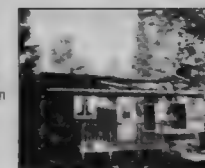
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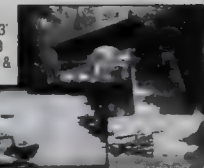
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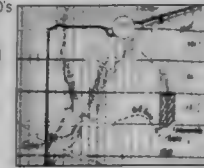
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Peter Brady**



Brad Robinson, owner of Robinson's General Store in Dorset, is interviewed by Susanna Kelley for a segment on TVO's nightly news program, *Studio 2*. Robinson says the village has been badly hurt by the closure of the Leslie M. Frost Centre.

TVO spotlight shines on the Frost

Local people to be featured on nightly news program

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

Susanna Kelley was at her cottage on Bear Lake when she picked up a copy of the *Minden Times* and read that the provincial government was closing the Frost Centre as a cost-cutting measure.

Her first reaction was as a local cottager. She had taken her four children to the Frost and had hiked on its trails. Why on earth would such an invaluable resource be lost to future generations of Ontarians?

Her second reaction was as the Queen's Park bureau chief for TVOntario's *Studio 2*. Why on earth would the Liberals, who want a legacy of environmental stewardship, close a facility that embodies all of those principles?

It took her a while to find the time to do a program about the Frost Centre but last week she and a crew from TVO were in the Highlands to find out why the closure struck such a nerve, not only in Haliburton County, but throughout the province.

"It's a natural story for me to do," she said while the cameraman and soundman set up for her interview with Brad Robinson at his store in Dorset. "On the surface it didn't seem to make a lot of sense. The savings didn't justify the political fallout that the government was



This photo of the Frost Centre (featuring Jack Brohm and his aunt, Margaret Darl) was taken back in 1946. Just two years earlier, a formal agreement had been reached between the University of Toronto and the Department of Lands and Forests to create a forest ranger training school.

going to endure.

"It's a story that mixes the economy, tourism, the environment and, quite frankly, I've been interested and impressed by the way the children of the area are actually taught about the environment and how important it is to sustain it."

The problem will be finding someone who's in favour of closing the Frost to

make the story more balanced. In Haliburton she interviewed people at the Chamber of Commerce in Minden, Warden Bill Davis, Barrie Martin, the centre's former education co-ordinator, and Brad Robinson. On the way back to Toronto they stopped in at the Frost Centre, which is still in the midst of being emptied, and in Lindsay to interview Brian Desbiens, the former presi-

dent of Sir Sandford Fleming College who's easing into retirement by sitting on the committee that's been struck to try to find new management for the Frost.

In Toronto she hopes to interview Gerry Phillips, the Chair of the Management Board, which is now responsible for the centre, and Minister of Natural Resources David Ramsay.

One of the questions she'll ask these two cabinet ministers is, "If the environment is so important to this government, why do you shut down something that teaches us about it? Is there something more that we don't know?"

"I don't think anyone in the government realized the backlash that there would be," says Robinson.

In the days and months that followed the announcement, the closure of the Frost was on the minds of everyone who came into Robinson's Store, both cottagers and locals.

"They were really, really upset," he says. "I've never talked to one person who hasn't been really impressed by the Frost Centre. One fellow, a businessman in the village, said that in the week he was there as a student he learned more about the outdoors than he learned all his life."

Of the 31 jobs that were lost, five belonged to people who live in Dorset. The loss of that many jobs has a big

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Residents powerless, Robinson says

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impact in such a small village, which has also lost the economic spinoffs that came with visits to the Frost Centre.

He, like many others, thinks the government didn't care about the ramifications of losing the Frost since both Haliburton County and Muskoka, which split the village of Dorset in two, have Conservative MPPs. "We have no power whatsoever," he says. The joke around town is that the Frost Centre's future wouldn't be as chilly if it was named after a Liberal premier instead of a Conservative one.

And what would he say to the government now, Susanna Kelley asks him. "Open the Frost," he says.

It is not yet known when the feature on the Frost Centre will run on TVOntario. Keep an eye out for a notice in The Echo in the coming



MARTHA PERKINS/Echo

Robinson looks pensive as he is interviewed with shoppers, store employees and a giant toy moose looking on.

How the community rallied behind the Frost



DARREN LUM/Echo

Clockwise from above: on the Frost's last day open to the public (July 13), a small crowd gathered around a campfire at the centre for a candlelight vigil; a billboard was put at the corner of Bay and Gerrard streets in downtown Toronto for the month of October; a busload of Highlanders travelled to Queen's Park for a protest rally July 19. A local protest (not pictured) was also held in July in front of Kawartha Dairy in Minden.



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'There are some families who have found the courage to make that decision in time of sorrow, but they are the exception'

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ing organs, but I have yet to hear one that I consider valid.

Procrastination is one of the saddest reasons organs are not as available as they could be. Some people are well intentioned but never get around to taking that most important step, letting someone (particularly family members) know of their wish to donate in the event of an accident or other unexpected cause of death. Organs that are buried or destroyed during cremation are a waste of a valuable resource. Obviously when we die our organs are of no use to us. They could provide life to someone else.

It is important your family be aware of your wishes before-

hand, as they will not likely want to make that decision on their own. There are some families who have found the courage to make that decision in time of sorrow, but they are the exception. Doctors are often hesitant to approach families about organ donation when the families are grieving, but time is of the essence in saving organs for transplant.

Those on transplant waiting lists can only go on hoping they will survive until one of those exceptions comes along. It's unfortunate and sad to think they may not make it. So many more could survive if we just cared enough to take the time to make our wishes known.

I first signed up as an organ donor when I was a teenager. I

am now almost 63, so it's been a life long commitment. I am not looking for a pat on the back, I am trying to convey to you that organ donation is not only important, it is the right thing to do.

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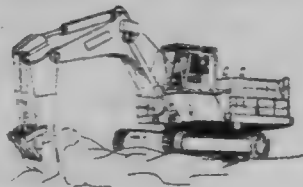
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As a result, Property Assessment Notices will be sent this fall only to those properties where changes have been made since the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) issued notices last year.

"Approximately one million owners will receive a notice if their property has undergone a change since the last assessment update," said Carl Isenburg, administrative officer of MPAC. Notices are also sent to reflect changes resulting from property sales, Requests for

2004 assessment update cancelled by province

Reconsideration and Assessment Review Board adjustments, name changes, changes in property classification, and school support changes.

For those properties where there have been no changes since the last assessment update, the assessed value that MPAC established in 2003 will remain in effect for taxation in 2005.

Assessments are based on the estimated selling price of a property, essentially

the amount of money a willing buyer would give to a willing seller for the purchase of their property. These 'current value assessments' reflect the local real estate market as of the June 30, 2003 valuation date (the common date by which all Ontario properties are assessed). Property assessments will be used by local municipalities to calculate the municipal portion of property taxes and by the Province to calculate the

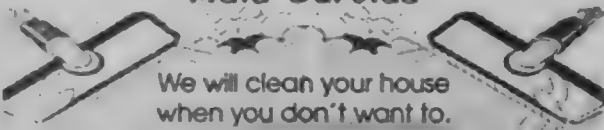
education portion for the 2005 taxation year.

The changes announced by the Ontario government also include changing the valuation date from June 30 to January 1 of the year prior to the taxation year. Assessed values updated to January 1, 2005 will be used by municipalities and the Province to determine property and education taxes, respectively, for the 2006 taxation year.

Property owners who have questions about their Property Assessment Notice or assessment in general, can visit MPAC's web site at www.mpac.ca or telephone MPAC's Customer Contact Centre, toll free at 1-866-296-MPAC (6722).

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Imagination turns branches into fingers

Four-year-old Rachel is a fountain of youth for her doting grandmother

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Valerie Smith
448-3640

I was going to start with my usual, "the other day as I sat watching, I wondered ..." but my husband, Mel, has been telling me that I think too much. I know there are other people who would disagree and say I do not think enough.

Nonetheless, the other day as I sat watching Rachel I could not help wonder what was going on in her little four-year-old mind. She held her hand up and twisted it this way and that way and suddenly said, "Look Granda, the trees have fingers, just like me!" I looked outside and I had to agree with her. For outside there were many slender finger-like limbs reaching skyward. This was her first time to see and recognize a tree without leaves. A child learns so much every day through their imagination and play. Her endless wonder over ants, clouds, stones, her pets and now the barren branches on a tree constantly amaze me and I get to see things again with childlike astonishment. She is definitely a fountain of youth and I can only agree with the saying, "Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but the moments that take our breath away ..."

Children can offer us so much. I had the fortune to be one of the judges for Wilberforce Branch 624's Legion's Remembrance Day poster/poem contest. I was very pleased with the thought and care the 45 contestants put into their posters. All the children were winners. They carefully put their interpretation of the war on paper in words and symbols, offering up their respect for those who died in order they may have the freedoms they live today.



Winner of the Poem contest was Isaac Drain, Grade 6. Congratulations Isaac, excellent poem!

Coloured Poster, Grades 1 to 3, was won by Robbie Mulley, first place; Kelsey Maracle, second place; and Tyler Mathna third place. Robbie did an excellent picture featuring "crosses;" Kelsey a very heart-wrenching picture featuring faces and "tears;" and Tyler's theme was a simple and yet very thought-provoking, "Why?"

Black and White Poster, winners grades 1 - 3, were: Phedra Vajda (Grade 3) "Lest We Forget"; Rebecca Anderson (Grade 2) "I Wish they Came Back;" and Patricia Savard (Grade 2) poster content featuring "I Miss them - Canada Is Cool - I Live for Peace."

Colour Poster contest winners, Grades 4

- 6, were: Colbeigh Aylsworth (Grade 6) first place; Andrea Way (Grade 6) second place winner and Cassandra Wingrove (Grade 5) third place winner.

Black and White Poster Winner for Grades 4 - 6 were: Emina McNeil (Grade 5) "Remembrance Day;" Alyssa London (Grade 5) "Flanders Fields and Erik Hayes (Grade 6) placed third with his poster featuring "Flanders Fields."

These contests are a great way for the children to say thanks to the local Legions that do so much for them. Wilberforce Branch 624 is a great supporter of many projects at Wilberforce Elementary School. Each child at Wilberforce Elementary School was presented with a Poppy Coin from Branch 624 - the world's first coloured circulation coin.

The poppy is a symbol to Legion veter-

ans, members and all Canadians of the almost 117,000 lives lost during wars. The attractive coin features a red poppy, outlined in black and with a black centre, etched in a Maple Leaf over a banner that reads: "Remember". I am sure the children will treasure this special, commemorative gift from their Legion.

I goofed last week! Not thinking, I indicated it was Doug Glover who so generously donated the Hallowe'en gifts for the children's costume contest. It was Dave Glover: our thanks go to Dave Glover of Benoir Lake. Doug Glover was a young boy I went to school with in Grade 2. Thank you Dave for your support!

The Loop Santa Claus Parade and Christmas Party are fast approaching. Time to get thinking about being in the parade. Participants meet at 12:00 noon at the Wilberforce Elementary School on December 12 and will form the procession that welcomes the arrival of Santa Claus. Again this year, all children ages 10 years and younger are welcome to come to the Lloyd Watson Centre and have a visit with Santa Claus and receive a gift. For more information regarding the parade, please call Lynn Waugh at 448-3674 and for further information regarding the Children's Christmas Party please call Valerie Smith 448-3640.

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The colour guard led Wilberforce veterans to the cenotaph on November 11 to pay tribute to their fallen comrades.



Alfretta O'Rourke represented the Silver Cross Mother during the Remembrance Day ceremony at Wilberforce's cenotaph.

Remembrance Day in Wilberforce



Students Jenna Scott and Erik Hayes from Wilberforce Elementary School were responsible this year for placing a wreath on behalf of their school.

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Under ever-changing skies, sometimes sunny and warm, then with dark grey November clouds and nippy wind, the people of Wilberforce and area gathered to remember.

Remembrance Day was solemnly observed at the cenotaph on Thursday, November 11. The wail of the siren reminded those nearby, not only to assemble, but of war time sirens and all they meant and symbolize. As the ceremonies took place faces reflected thoughts of remembering those who "shall grow not old as we who are left grow old."

Royal Canadian Legion Branch 624 Sergeant-At-Arms Len Crawford led the procession of veterans in the Marching On of The Colours. Warren Bowen, Bob Hayward and David Hall formed the Legion Colour Party. Bearing the Legion Ladies Auxiliary Colours were Joan Clark, Betty Hayward and Lynn Burns.

Luann Spada very ably conducted the ceremonies guiding those assembled clearly through the program.

After the singing of our national anthem O Canada the Last Post was sounded as flags were lowered. At precisely eleven a.m. all stood in reverent silence for two minutes until Reveille was heard. Following the hymn Abide With Me Legion President Bonnie Jessup spoke the Act of Remembrance. Ms. Spada then led in the words of remembrance. Chaplain Dave Burton's prayer was one of thanks-

Remembrance Day a solemn occasion in village

giving for those who sacrificed their lives, and of hope for peace in the world.

Sgt.-at-Arms Crawford conducted the placing of wreaths. The Memorial Silver Cross wreath was placed by Alfretta O'Rourke. Joe Driscoll presented the Canada Wreath followed by Ethel Scott with the Ontario Wreath. The Legion Wreath was placed by Legion President Bonnie Jessup. Keith Tallman, Reeve, presented the Highlands East wreath. World War I Veterans were represented by Mike Skalin; World War II Veterans by Murray Agnew; Hong Kong Veterans by Harold Bebbington; Korean Veterans by Chuck O'Neill; the Wilberforce and area Police Association and for those who have fallen by John Goverde; the Highlands East Fire Department by Chief Don Middleton.

Victor Matthews presented a wreath in memory of deceased members. Jenna Scott and Erik Hayes of the Wilberforce School placed a wreath of appreciation.

After this stirring ceremony in which

the students and staff of the Wilberforce participated, the benediction and blessing was given by Chaplain Burton. The Royal

Anthem God Save The Queen was sung. The Colours were marched off to conclude one of the best Remembrance Day Services held here in years.

The School children were delighted to be treated by the Legion to lunch at the Lloyd Watson

Centre after the Remembrance Day Service.

The Legion welcomed a goodly number of members and interested citizens to a fine hot noon meal at the Legion dining room. It included delicious roast stuffed pork with all the trimmings and warm apple crisp. A pleasant time to continue remembering especially those deceased since last Armistice Day. The Ladies auxiliary always a hard working group prepared and served the meal.

L.A. President Joan Clark on behalf of the Ladies Auxiliary presented a cheque for \$1,500. to the Legion for their work in the community. Bonnie Jessup accepted

the donation with pleasure.

The Rt. Rev. Colin Johnson, Bishop of the Toronto Diocese, visited St. Margaret's Anglican Church on Sunday, November 14. He preached the sermon and led the service of Holy Eucharist. After service the Bishop joined members of the congregation for a fine lunch in the Schofield-Cameron Room.

The Haliburton Highlands Writers and Editors Network welcomes Ted Barris, author of Juno, Canadians at D-Day June 6, 1944, to the Minden Legion on Saturday, November 27 from 2 to 4 p.m. From a brief biography: Ted Barris is an accomplished journalist, author and broadcaster.

As a freelancer he has written and hosted programs on CBC Radio and television shows on TVOntario, CBCTV and CTV. he is regularly published in the *Globe and Mail*, *Legion Magazine* and *50 Plus*. He has authored 12 books including *Behind the Glory* and *Deadlock in Korea*. He is a full time professor of journalism at Centennial College in Toronto. In 1993 he received the Canada 125 Medal for service to Canada and community.

He has been highly praised for the Juno book. This is a fine opportunity to hear and meet Ted Barris. Perhaps also a time for veterans and Legion people to pay a visit to the Minden Legion and get acquainted with this fine Canadian author.

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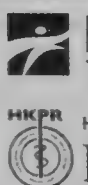
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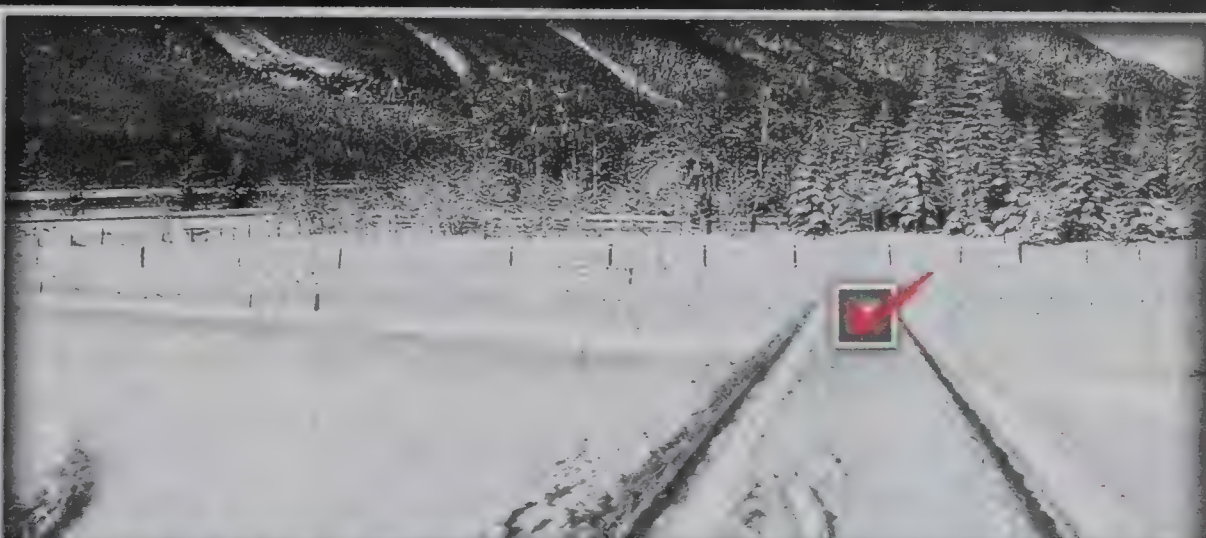


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Ted Barris to speak in Minden

Author, broadcaster a guest of writers' network

Author and broadcaster Ted Barris will speak to the Haliburton Highlands Writers' and Editors' Network at the Royal Canadian Legion in Minden, Saturday, Nov. 27. The meeting is open to the public and will be of special interest to veterans, writers, editors and anyone else interested in writing or armed forces history.

Barris is one of Canada's best-known media personalities. He has been a freelance writer and broadcast host for 30 years, appearing frequently on CBC Radio,

TV Ontario, CBC TV and CTV. His work appears regularly in the Globe and Mail, Legion Magazine and 50-plus Magazine. He is the author of 12 books including his latest, JUNO, Canadians at D-Day, which was on the Maclean's bestseller list for 20 weeks. He also is a full-time professor of journalism at Centennial College in Toronto.

The afternoon event is from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Coffee and muffins will be available. Admission is \$5 per person. Please call Kay

Millard at (705) 286-6635 by Wednesday, Nov. 24 to reserve a place.

HHWEN is a volunteer organization formed in 2003 to bring together writers and editors and people interested in writing.

A future event for Haliburton writers is "A Writer's Christmas," an evening of dinner and readings at Heather Lodge, on Wednesday, Dec. 8. Information is available from Kay Millard.

The Algonquin Highlands Writing Circle, which meets on the second and fourth Saturday mornings of each month at Club 35 in Halls Lake, is sponsoring the first annual "Writers' Christmas" dinner and readings on December 8 at Heather Lodge.

Christmas has been a prime subject for writers as long as it has been celebrated, and the writers of Haliburton Highlands continue this long tradition. The "Writers' Christmas" at Heather Lodge will feature a variety of short readings from local writers on the experience of Christmas, past and present, in all its many shades. Not everyone enjoys the season or welcomes it, and writers are especially adept at capturing all varieties of Christmas perceptions.

Writers and their significant others are invited to attend this evening of delight and surprise and to enjoy a range of Christmas writings along with a glass of wine and a traditional turkey dinner.

Tickets (\$30 per person, pre-purchase only) may be obtained from Kay Millard at 286-6635.

Further information, including a request to read at the event, may be obtained from Brenda Peddighrew at 489-3509.

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Added to the usual Centre activities of Monday night's Bingo, Tuesday evening Euchre, Tuesday morning's Line Dancing and the monthly LIFT, are the Wednesday and Friday evening rehearsals of Michael Fay's play "Never Such Innocence again."

The performances at the Northern Lights Pavilion of this production are scheduled for March 2, 3, 4 and 5, 2005.

Home Support again has kindly sent information of its services, some of which are as follows: subsidized transportation to medical appointments, provision of Hot Meals at \$5.00, delivered to your door, Wheels to Meals at various restaurants from time to time, and finding workers to snow-shovel, maintain yards, do minor house repairs or house cleaning. It also opens its doors any day of the week to just come in, read a newspaper, have a coffee. Many Haliburton residents have availed themselves of these opportunities and services. Call 457-2941 to make contact.

Kathleen Owens has spent a few days visiting with Claude and Bernice Fader in Blenheim and Mrs. & Leads Murray in London, Ont.



To All Property Owners and Residents in the Village of Haliburton,

Address number signs have been produced for properties within the village of Haliburton. The signs are being delivered door-to-door by the manufacturer (S+S Signs), who will also offer to install the sign immediately. There is no cost for the sign, but the optional installation fee is \$5.

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As part of the Haliburton County 9-1-1 project, it is critical that each residence and building is addressed and has an address number posted so that emergency services can quickly locate the property in case of an emergency.

Please call The County of Haliburton - 911 Project at 286-2306 if you have any questions.

Thank-you



The Rails End Gallery invites applications for the position of Executive Director.

The Gallery, established in 1980 by the Haliburton Highlands Guild of Fine Arts, is a not-for-profit charitable corporation dedicated to providing opportunities for the exploration, appreciation, expression and exchange of the creative arts.

The historic railway station that houses the gallery is currently under renovation, which has provided the board of directors with the opportunity to engage in a comprehensive strategic planning process that will support the long-term viability of the Gallery when it re-opens on a year-round basis in the spring of 2005.

The Board of Directors is looking for a committed, enthusiastic person who will continue to cultivate the community roots of the Gallery, as well as reach out to new and diverse audiences. The Executive Director will be responsible for organizing and managing exhibitions, public programming and retail services, as well as financial management and organizational administration. A more complete job description, and more information about our strategic planning process, is available on our website at www.railsendgallery.com

The successful candidate will have excellent communication and leadership skills, strong interpersonal abilities and demonstrated knowledge of the arts and non-profit sectors. Candidates will have previous work experience in the following areas: human resources management (including volunteers), budgeting, marketing, fundraising, government and community relations, strategic planning, and capital campaign implementation.

This is a permanent, full-time, salaried position.

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Email applications will also be accepted at: hgf@railsend.on.aibn.com

The deadline for applications is Monday, November 22, 2004 at 5 pm.



The Township of Algonquin Highlands Requires A FIRE CHIEF

Closing Date November 30, 2004

Position Summary

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Knowledge of municipal government and Fire Department operations, excellent written and oral communication skills, project management skills, technology skills to enhance service delivery, effective time management skills, human resource management experience (including a composite/volunteer force) and strong customer service skills are required. Must have knowledge of relevant legislation codes and regulations and hold a valid DZ Ontario Driver's License.

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In accordance with the Freedom of Information and Privacy legislation, applicant information is collected under the authority of the Municipal Act and will be used strictly for candidate selection.



Echo reporter Sheryl Loucks was involved in a serious car accident Sunday night. Her Neon crashed into a rock cut after sliding on black ice on Eagle Lake Road.

Fortunately, Sheryl escaped the accident with only a sore shoulder. She's grateful to her friends and emergency workers for being so helpful. See story.

True friends

When Sheryl Loucks has a bad accident, she discovers how friendly Haliburton really is

Story by Sheryl Loucks

In a matter of seconds a patch of black ice and a rock cut obliterated my happiness on Sunday night.

I'd been facing down age 30 for a few months now and was none too pleased about it. But a few days before my birthday I woke up early on Saturday morning and felt like a ray of sunshine – a miracle in itself for this less-than-chipper morning person. This small wonder became even more astonishing when this warm, fuzzy feeling not only radiated through my being that day but for the next two weeks. My friends and co-workers showered me with lovely gifts and jewels. By the end of the week I was dubbing my 30th as my diamond birthday.

This weekend our dear Izabela, our recently departed reporter, returned from Poland and came up to visit us. She was the first of several visitors this weekend to my little circle of Haliburton comrades. We had such an incredibly fun time out on Saturday night. At the end of the evening a friend walked me to my car and we talked about how this amazing group of people here makes everything that's hard to bear in the Highlands not only bearable but often more than worth the sacrifices we make to stay here.

Naturally I should have been expecting the anvil to fall. I am one of those remarkable people blessed in equal doses with good and bad luck. On Sunday night at about quarter to eight I left Haliburton thinking about the new recipe I was going to try with the groceries in the front seat but I never made it home. Snaking my way along the curves of Eagle Lake Road I spotted a deer and slowed down. I kept the slower pace and was vigilantly looking for more deer when the tires lost traction on black ice.

The car fishtailed and slid off the road, falling into a deep ditch and smashing into a rock cut. My head smacked on something and I sat there stunned. Pulling myself together, I opened the door and got out of the car as the ground wavered beneath my feet. I was not grateful to be walking. I was absolutely furious. My first thought was "Oh crap, there goes my insurance." My second was

"Damn it to hell, there goes my for-once relatively healthy finances." My third was an unprintable thought about the stories I had left to write for the *Echo* and I wondered when they were going to get done.

Juanita Chapman, a stranger then, was crossing the road towards me. She and her husband had just stopped. She wrapped her arms around me and told me she was a nurse. They walked me back to their car and made me sit down. She checked me out and said all those warm comforting things that are vaguely reassuring.

During the course of the next 20 minutes or so every vehicle that went by stopped except one. We could not get cell phone reception on the road so someone in a pick-up truck went home to call the ambulance and then came back to see if everything was OK. I knew there was an emergency kit in my car and Juanita's husband found it. He donned the orange safety vest, got the flashlight-in-an-orange-cone out and stood on the road in the cold, flagging cars to warn drivers to be careful over the icy spot.

The ambulance arrived and the volunteer fire department. To tell the truth I was feeling humiliated and embarrassed. I was mortified that everyone was going to think that I'm a bad driver. As I wasn't that dizzy and perfectly capable of walking, I felt like it was a huge waste of resources to send an ambulance for me. My back felt pulled and my arm felt like it had been punched hard and then tied into a pretzel behind my back. This concerned everyone else far more than me. I felt ridiculous when they tied me on to a board on a stretcher, put my neck in one of those brace things and then taped my head to the board beneath me so it could not roll around. The attendant, John I think, had a fun English accent which made the whole slightly freaky situation more bearable.

We went to the hospital and the 10 to 15 minutes the drive normally takes seemed to last forever. I felt the turn onto County Road 1 and then we were at the hospital. My stretcher was lifted out and I was rolled down the halls. The Styrofoam tiles

on the ceiling are quite clean, by the bye.

Dr. Tina Stephenson and her team of nurses were very sweet and she pulled the tape off my head in one less-than-excruciating rip. The X-ray tech had me pose this way and that, and I learned that you're not supposed to breathe when they take the X-ray. My thoughts turned miserable as I contemplated my future insurance woes while the technician went to examine the X-rays. He came back to kneel in front of me as tears leaked down my face. He said something very nice and patted my knee but what I remember the most is the look of compassion on his face.

Dr. Stephenson told me my friends were waiting for me even though I hadn't called anybody. I live alone and my family is more than two-and-a-half hours away. A co-worker's husband is on the fire department and he had started the village grapevine that I was in trouble. Our photographer, Darren Lum, was waiting with our friend, Angela Andrews, in the lobby.

I pushed open the doors and walked into their arms. Minutes later Jamie Woodman of the *Echo* came running in to hold me close, too. The hospital staff called the police back for me and they gave me a hug, too. I went home with Ang, who did everything she could for me even though she was in an accident herself this weekend and has more than enough to worry about without listening to me.

I spent a sleepless night petting her cats, soothed by their rumbling purrs.

I got up this morning feeling bruised and defeated. I got the milk out of Ang's fridge and noticed for the first time a picture on the refrigerator door; it was my buddies on summer reporter Andy Lloyd's dock waving at the camera. My own face looked back at me with a huge smile and eyes lit with laughter.

We all have sulky moments when the terrible things that happen to us seem senseless and incredibly unjust. In these moments it sounds incredibly hollow when people keep saying you should be grateful to be alive. "Cars are replaceable,

people are not."

I went to see my car early this morning (Monday) and felt like someone had squeezed the air out of my lungs. My Neon, dubbed the "silver bullet," looked like it had been made out of Silly Putty and one of those mean bullies who wrecks everything in primary school had picked it up in his hand and squashed it.

Laura Smith, our sales rep, put her arm around my shaking frame. I wondered if God squeezed his way through that bully's fingers to hold me safe because looking at the twisted remains of my car that's about all that made sense at that moment.

I meant this to be a 300-word letter to the editor to say thank-you to all of the kind souls who have embraced me since the second I pulled myself out of a shell of broken glass and bent metal last night. I was hugged at the scene, I was hugged by the medical staff, I was hugged by friends, I've been held by almost everyone on staff – I was even hugged by a staffer at Curry Motors. This letter was supposed to say thank-you for holding me together when I feel like giving up and flooding the place with salted tears. It was supposed to be the kind of thing that I've read dozens of times over the last 10 years from people expressing their gratitude to the strangers who helped them.

The wheels in my head, though, are spinning as if powered by an excited hamster on speed. This story has just come spilling out because I'm thinking about that photograph on the fridge. And I'm thinking that things are going to get bloody complicated over the next few days and the decisions ahead are not going to be easy. But most of all I'm thinking that I am remarkably blessed with the friends in my life.

So to everyone who has helped me in the last 24 hours thank you most sincerely. And to everyone else, if you're having a bleak and unhappy day, I hope this story reminds you that life is full of dangerous, cruel things but in Haliburton we have more than our fair share of sunshine and unexpected kindness.



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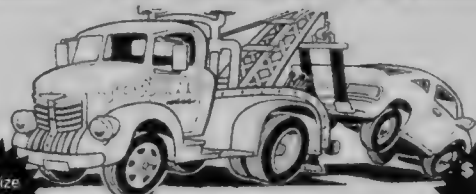
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Please contact Jim Blake

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Nov. 20 - 10-2
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at their dance
in celebration of their wedding
November 27, 2004
8:00 p.m.
at the Haliburton Legion

440 THANK YOU

The family of **JOAN ROBINSON-
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helped us through a very difficult time.
If it hadn't been for the following peo-
ple Joan would not have been able to
stay at home where she wanted to be.
Nancy Pettit and staff, the Para Med
nurses and staff, Linda May-Powers
and Liz Double of Hospice, Bev
Hunter, Liza Campbell and Janice
Lewis. A special thanks to Cheryl Rus-
sell our regular nurse, a very profes-
sional and caring nurse. Dr. Roos for
his care and many house calls. We
would also like to thank Kirsten and
Barry of Monks Funeral Home for
helping to make things a little easier.
Reverend Harry Morgan for a beau-
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Ingoldby United Church U.C.W. for
their delicious luncheon. Another spe-
cial thanks to sister Lois and brother-
in-law Jim Finlay for always being
there with the special food dishes, the
excellent care everyday and the much
needed support. Family and friends
were there when we needed them. A
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to the Canadian Cancer Society, the
H.H.H.S.F. and especially your
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and support will always be remem-
bered. Bryce and Family.

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In loving memory of our dear hus-
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Our lives go on without you
But nothing is the same
We have to hide our heartache
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Your teasing and your smile
What we would give to hold your hand
And walk with you a while.
Sad are the hearts that love you
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Living our lives without you
Is the hardest part of all.
The special years will not return
When we were all together
But with the LOVE within our hearts
You will walk with us forever.
You are so wonderful to remember
Yet so hard to live without.
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every day" by your wife Barb and
daughters Caroline, Barbie-Ann
and Christina. A very special PaPa
to Trevor, and Breanna.

BURK, BESSIE - In loving mem-
ory of our dear "Gram" Bessie Burk
A Prayer From The Heart
Now I lay me down to rest
God has needed and taken the best
She will capture all hearts in heaven
The way she did on earth,
From the beginning of time, from the
beginning of birth.
She has grandchildren who love her,
and yes there is no other,
As special as our Grandmother.
Gram - We love and miss you.
**Andrea & Lee, Andrew & Tracy, Ab-
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At this time of sorrow & loss
we express our

Thanks & Appreciation
to relatives & friends for their
many acts of kindness. The
beautiful flowers, cards, received
& food in abundance. Thank you
Dr. Camperoni for your
compassionate care of Chesel. Also
to Pinecrest Nursing Home in
Bobcaygeon & Hyland Crest in
Minden. The nurses & staff for
their patience care & kindness to him.
We thank Hyland Crest for their
kind offer of the Fireside Lounge
for the after Funeral lunch also to
Anne, Dorothy and May for
taking charge of it. We express
heartfelt thanks to Herman De
Wolff for his spiritual upbuilding
discourse on the resurrection Hope
To the Gordon Monk Funeral
Home, Barry & Kristen for their
kind and efficient service.
Lois Nesbitt & Family

450 IN MEMORIAM

BILLINGS, NORA - In loving mem-
ory of a dear mother, grandmother
and great grandmother who passed
away November 16, 2001.
God took her home,
It was his will.
But in our hearts
She liveth still.
Love always All the Family.

BURK, BESSIE - In loving memory
of our dear "Gram" Bessie Burk
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of our dear mom who passed away
Nov. 17, 2003.
As children we can't comprehend or
fully realize
The meaning of our mother's love,
how tender and how wise,
The patience and forgiveness that
were part of every day.
The unexpected "little things" she did
in her own way.
Years go by before we can look back
on life and see
Through older eyes and wiser hearts
her love and loyalty.
And yet it's these and other special
things we'll hold so dear
For memories of her steadfast love
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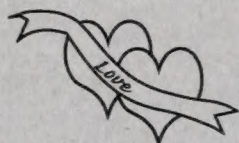
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Barb

WOOD - In loving memory of my father Wayne "Woody" Wood who left us November 13, 2003. - Never forgotten.

There isn't a day I don't think of you. I'll always remember the good times we had and the laughs. You taught me many lessons and were always by my side in difficult times. I miss you dearly - Kevin Affectionately remembered - Lee.

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A happy time - we shared the excitement of the season
A Sad time - My loss of you is the reason
Sadly missed by **Wade and Jen.**

460 OBITUARIES

BILLINGS, VIOLET - In loving memory of Violet Billings (Resident of Torry Hill). At Case Manor Nursing Home in Bobcaygeon on Tuesday, November 9, 2004 in her 92nd year. Loving mother of the late Ruth (Mrs. Robert Madill). Lovingly remembered by her grandchildren Cindy (Tom) Radford of Hensall, Keith (Darlene) Madill of Hamilton, and Paul (Heidi) Madill of London. Sadly missed by her great grandchildren Andrea, Gordon, Ashley, Darren, and Christopher. Predeceased by Gertie, Roy, and Alberta. Lovingly remembered by many nieces and nephews. Friends were invited to call at the HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME, Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ont. (705) 457-9209 on Thursday 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Service was in the Chapel on Friday at 3:30 p.m. As expressions of sympathy donations to a charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family.

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GALVIN, DELMER "Del" - In loving memory of Delder "Del" Galvin (Member of the Royal Canadian Legion) - Peacefully at Haliburton Hospital on Thursday, November 11, 2004 in his 73rd year. Loving husband of Ethel. Fondly remembered by daughters Sheryl (Wayne) Scott of Barrie and Susan (Paul) Griffiths of Ajax. Loving Grandpa of Alan Robert Griffiths. Friends were invited to call at the HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME, Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209 on Sunday, November 14, 2004 from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Service was in the Chapel on Monday, November 15, 2004 at 11 a.m. Funeral arrangements are private. As expressions of sympathy donations to the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated by the family.

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HARRIS, IRENE DORIS (Renee). (Resident of Haliburton, Ontario) - Peacefully at home in Haliburton, Ontario on Wednesday morning, October 27, 2004 in her 88th year. Dearly beloved wife of the late Fred (Bucky) Harris. Beloved mother of Diane (Cam), Fred Jr. (Paula), & Margaret (Art). Dear Nana of Matthew, Mike, Rebecca, Rachel, Melissa, David and Diane. Lovingly remembered by her sister Margaret. Predeceased by her sister Lily. Renee will be fondly remembered by her nieces and nephews and many special friends. Also remembered by Molly, Bucky, Georgie, Norman and Ted. Thanks and love is extended to her special angel and friend, nurse Flo McQuaid also Dr. Ben Wu, Emily, Kim and all the supportive staff of Para-Med & CCAC, also Hospice volunteer Ruth and Home Support volunteer Eleanor for all their care, kindness and support. A private Memorial Service will be held at a later date by the family. As expressions of sympathy, donations to Sirch Hospice would be appreciated by the family. "For God so loved the world, he gave his only begotten son, that who so ever, believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life".

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PACKARD, LAWRENCE - In loving memory of Lawrence Packard (Resident of Eagle Lake). Suddenly at Haliburton Hospital on Monday, November 8, 2004 in his 78th year. Beloved husband of Evelyn Albers. Dear father of Victor of Niagara-on-the-Lake, Steven (Debbie) of Terra Nova, and Sharon (Terry) Griffin of Eagle Lake. Sadly missed by his grandchildren Benjamin, Ken, Kim, Sandra, Brittany, and great grandchildren Jordie, Jesse, Justin, Liam, Lucas, Helen, Lila, Steven, Kennedy and Kelsi. Survived by his sisters, Elva Heard of Haliburton and Florence Wray of Niagara Falls. Also sadly missed by sisters-in-law and brother-in-law and many nieces and nephews. Friends were invited to call at the HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME, Hwy. #118 Haliburton, Ont. (705) 457-9209 on Thursday, November 11, 2004 from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Service in the Chapel Friday, November 12, 2004 at 1 p.m. Interment will take place at a later date. As expressions of sympathy donations to the Heart & Stroke Foundation would be appreciated by the family.

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CURRENT EVENTS

- **Nov. 17: Red Hatter Matter** - The Red Hats of Haliburton County are having lunch and a movie (Calendar Girls) in the Shutters room at Wigamog Inn Resort. Guests are welcome. Please confirm your attendance with Lady Julia, the Purple Call Girl at 754-4957 or Queen "B" at 457-9595 if your name is not on the October sign up sheet.
- **Nov. 18 & 19, Dec. 9 & 10:** Haliburton Auxiliary Hospital and Gift Shop. 15% sale on everything.
- **Nov. 20:** The Coboconk Railway Station Restoration Committee is holding a Silent Auction, Bake Sale & Christmas Social on Sat. Nov. 20 from 1-4 p.m. at the Coboconk Train Station. Free refreshments! Get a head start on your Christmas shopping! All proceeds go towards restoration of the Train Station.
- **Nov. 20:** Lochlin United Church "Christmas Luncheon & Bake Sale", Sat., Nov. 20, 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Soup, sandwich and apple crisp. Lochlin Community Centre, County Rd. #1, Lochlin.
- **Nov. 20:** Christmas Bazaar & Luncheon - St. Anthony's Catholic Church, Victoria St. Nov. 20, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Crafts, Toonie table, baking, white elephant.
- **Nov. 20:** Curves Circuit Challenge, Heart & Stroke Fit for Heart Event. Nov. 20, 9-11 a.m. Get your pledge forms now at Curves in Haliburton to work out and raise funds for Heart & Stroke research at the same time. Contact Judy Neimann at 457-2834 or Curves, Haliburton for more information.
- **Nov. 20:** Christmas Craft & Bake Sale - Parklane Apartments (across from the Laundromat), Haliburton. Sat., Nov. 20, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sandwiches and coffee will be for sale.
- **Nov. 21:** Dessert & Coffee Fashion Show - at Bonnie View Inn at 1:00 p.m. This Fashion Show will offer clothing for all sizes and ages. The fashions will be brought to you by "My Size in Minden", entertainment will be provided by "The Hot Flashes", dessert and coffee will be served. Call 457-2941 for tickets or drop by My Size in Minden. Proceeds go to Haliburton County Home Support Services.
- **Nov. 22:** The Haliburton Highlands Rug Hookers are now holding their meetings at the Minden Legion, Hwy. 35. Rug hooking demonstrations, and instructions will be available. Call Elaine 286-2035 or Peggy 286-3387.
- **Nov. 23:** The Haliburton Highlands Quilt Guild will be meeting on Tues., Nov. 23rd at Club 35 which is at Halls Lake on Hwy. #35. The door is open from 9:30 to 4 p.m., and this is not a business meeting, but a chance to meet and enjoy each other's crafts. Anyone who wants to join us is welcome to do their particular handcraft. A small door fee is required. Coffee, tea and goodies are supplied.
- **Nov. 25:** Haliburton 50+ Club - welcomes you to join us at the Legion Hall. Please note the date is one week later than usual. This is a non-smoking event. We will be having a Pot-Luck supper with a social evening and guest speaker. Doors open 4:30 p.m., Dinner at 5:30 p.m. New members are welcome. Please remember to bring your favourite dish for your pot-luck contribution. Please let Jim or Ruth know by Tues., Nov. 23, 457-2124.
- **Nov. 27:** Extencicare - Sat., Nov. 27, 10-2 p.m. Our annual Christmas Bazaar & Bake Sale. Donations of baking, home-made craft, knitted goods & White Elephant would be greatly appreciated.
- **Nov. 30:** Tickets are now on sale for the Haliburton County Home Support Christmas Luncheons. Haliburton Lunch is on November 30 at the Haliburton Legion and the Minden lunch is on December 1st at the United Church. Call 457-2941 for tickets.
- **Dec. 4:** Santa's Workshop - Craft Sale and Flea Market. Sat., Dec. 4, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Lloyd Watson Centre in Wilberforce. Snack Bar available. Silent Auction. For more info call Kathy Rogers at 448-2419. Vendors are welcome.

ON GOING EVENTS

- **TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)** meets on Mondays at the Home Support Office (Halco Mall). Weigh in 9:30 - 10 a.m. followed by a meeting until 11 a.m. For further information please call Donna Medland 754-4464 or Judy Carpenter 489-3027.
- **Haliburton Seniors Club** meet every Thursday at noon at the Haliburton Legion, Br. 129. Sandwiches and goodies. Every 2nd Thursday is Potluck.
- **November - "A Tribute to Haliburton's Military Service Personnel"**. This exhibit at the Haliburton Highlands Museum, featuring photographs and artifacts from local resident and the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 129, runs through November. Museum hours Tues.-Sat., 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **For the month of November** the Holness Yoga Studio "Breathe Easy" is on Tuesdays at 5:45. Gail Holness will be offering free breathing classes. Learn breathing exercises that will help improve your lung capacity and breathing ability. Excellent for anyone who suffers with asthma or shortness of breath. Call Gail for details at 455-9294.
- **The Ontario Early Years Centres** in Haliburton and in Minden will now be open Saturdays from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Drop-in for crafts, circle time and fun activities for children ages 0-6. Free toy and book lending library. Call 286-1770 or 457-2989 for more information.
- **Meditation and Qigong** - We gather the first Sunday morning of every month. Qigong is 9:45 - 10:15. Meditation is 10:30 - 11:30. For more info call Lynda Shadbolt at 457-3121.

Events listings are provided **FREE** for non-profit groups on a space-available basis. While we endeavour to accommodate requests for publication, we cannot guarantee that all requests for listings will appear. Requests should be faxed to The Echo at 457-3275, emailed to editorial@haliburtonecho.on.ca., or brought in to the office. **Please submit events by the Thursday prior to the requested publication date.**
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